

EXPERIENCED TRIAL ATTORNEY
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CRIMINAL DIVISION
NARCOTIC AND DANGEROUS DRUG SECTION
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 06-CRM-NDDS-02

About the Office:

The Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, seeks a dynamic and seasoned attorney to serve as a Assistant Judicial Attache in Bogota, Colombia for a two-year term appointment. The Criminal Division also will consider applicants who are currently employed by the Department of Justice and desire to be considered for a two-year detail to this position.

Responsibilities and Opportunity Offered:

The incumbent provides technical assistance and legal advice to the U.S. Embassy and Department of Justice on issues regarding extradition, money laundering, asset forfeiture and other legal issues. Provide technical assistance to the Government of Colombia and advice to the U.S. Embassy and Department of Justice on proposed legislation in the areas of extradition, money laundering, asset forfeiture, narcotic laws and other legislative proposals impacting on the interests of the United States Government. Provide technical assistance and advice to the U.S. Embassy on the drafting and implementation of bilateral agreements. Provide technical assistance and advice to the U.S. Embassy and Department of Justice on issues regarding judicial cooperation, evidence and information exchanges. Act as liaison between the Government of Colombia judicial institutions and the United States Government. Coordinate the efforts and contributions of applicable United States Government agencies and advise them on Colombian Law. In consultation with the Department of Justice, give specific explanations and recommendations on the prosecutorial value and use of evidence and information requested. Provide the United States Ambassador, the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice and other relevant United States agencies regular briefings and recommendations on general issues affecting Colombian legal institutions. Assist, as appropriate, Department of Justice, Agency for International Development, and the Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, and Assistance and Training, Criminal Division, Department of Justice to identify training and technical assistance needs for Colombian officials. Assist, as appropriate, Colombian counterparts in joint investigations and prosecutions. Provide assistance and information to the Government of Colombia regarding the functioning of the United States Justice System.

Qualifications:

Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be duly licensed and authorized to practice as an attorney under the laws of a State, territory, or the District of Columbia and have at least five years of post-J.D. legal experience. Applicants must have excellent interpersonal skills, be a self-starter, **fluent in spoken Spanish**, proficient in written Spanish, and have extensive prosecutorial experience.

Salary Information:

GS-13: \$77,353 - \$100,554 per annum (includes locality pay)
GS-14: \$91,407 - \$118,828 per annum
GS-15: \$107,521 - \$139,774 per annum

**Submission Process
and Deadline Date:**

Applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, a current performance appraisal (if applicable). Please send your resume to:

U.S. Department of Justice
Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section
1400 New York Avenue NW, 11th Floor
Washington, DC 20005
Attn: Charlene Briggs-Plunkett

This position is open until filled. The incumbent will be eligible for a relocation bonus of \$15,000 (current government employee), or a recruitment bonus of \$15,000 (applies to a new personnel accession to government service), 15% overseas pay, and a 5% cost of living allowance. Relocation allowances will also be authorized. The incumbent must sign a relocation bonus agreement which states that he/she will remain in this position and the service of the Narcotic and Dangerous Drug Section, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, with a tour of duty in Bogota, Colombia for a minimum of 24 months. Incumbent must also sign a mobility agreement. Current salary and years of experience determine the appropriate salary level.

Internet Sites:

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www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvancies

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